

DESTINATION INFORMATION

BRAZIL

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends and should have a minimum of two (2) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

Brazilian authorities have announced that beginning June 17, 2019, U.S. and Canadian citizens will no longer need a visa to enter Brazil for stays of up to 90 days. A tourist visa is still required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders travelling to Brazil before June 17, 2019 and must be obtained prior to departure. There are currently two options available as outlined below. A&K recommends an electronic visa (eVisa).

Electronic Visa (eVisa): To apply for an eVisa, visit vfsglobal.com/brazil-evisa. The current tourist visa fee is \$40 plus an additional \$4.24 service fee (fees are subject to change) and requires a minimum of five (5) days for processing. At this time, the eVisa application is available to U.S. and Canadian passport holders. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Brazil. You may be required to upload documents (e.g., passport photo or copy of your passport information page) to complete the eVisa process.

Visa Stamp: A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to a Brazilian consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at visacentral.com/abercrombiekent or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K's account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

VACCINATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Brazil **if** you are arriving from Angola or the Democratic Republic of Congo. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it.

If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

Note: Due to a current outbreak of yellow fever in multiple states of Brazil, the CDC and WHO have temporarily expanded yellow fever vaccination recommendations for international travellers. In addition to areas in Brazil where yellow fever vaccination has been recommended since before the recent outbreaks, the vaccine is now also recommended for people who are traveling to or living in all of Espirito Santo State; all of São Paulo State, the city of São Paulo and all coastal islands; all of Rio de Janeiro State, including the city of Rio de Janeiro and all coastal islands and a number of cities in Bahia State, including Salvador. In addition to taking precautions to prevent mosquito bites by using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors, travellers may consider getting the yellow fever vaccination. Talk to your health care provider well in advance of travel to these areas.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted in urban areas. ATM machines are easily accessible. When using credit cards or ATMs in Brazil, exercise caution when using these payment methods and carefully monitor your banking online for non-authorized charges during the course of your visit.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: TRAVELLING TO THE AMAZON & PANTANAL

If travelling to the Amazonian rainforest or Pantanal wetlands, please note that temperatures and humidity can be extreme. If you are taking a cruise on the Amazon River, most of the activities require transferring from the ship to small boats. Brazil's wetlands are one of the world's most diverse and best preserved wilderness ecosystems. However, the vast majority of the diversity is in the form of insects, small mammals and birds. Larger species are shy and unpredictable. When you do encounter wildlife, you will not have a clear ample field of view as in Antarctica or on the plains of Africa. A good pair of binoculars (along with a sense of curiosity) will enhance your experience in these ecosystems.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

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For checked baggage on flights within Brazil, each traveller is limited to one (1) piece per person with a maximum weight of 50 pounds (23 kilograms) with linear dimensions (height+width+depth) not to exceed 62 inches (157 centimeters). For carry-on baggage, each traveller is allowed one (1) personal item (such as a purse or laptop) and one (1) piece weighing up to 17 pounds (8 kilograms). Any additional or overweight pieces will be charged on check-in and excess baggage fees are the traveller's responsibility.

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to find and manage your luggage for you.

PACKING LIST

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

If visiting rainforest regions in the Amazon or the Pantanal wetland regions: expedition-type ventilated long-sleeved shirts and pants (including some pants with zip-off legs that convert long-pants into shorts). Light and neutral colors are best; black, navy or other dark colors tend to attract insects. Optional: river sandals such as Texas®.

Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels
- Lightweight raincoat or poncho
- Waterproof, lightweight, well-broken in hiking boots for trekking activities in Amazon or the Pantanal (if applicable)
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Bandana or light scarf to keep the sun off your neck
- Sweater or light fleece jacket
- Personal garments
- Sleepwear
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Socks

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses (100 UV protection suggested)
- Sun block and lip balm
- Simple first-aid kit
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Mosquito repellent
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Smartphone
- Charging cables for electronics
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Foldable walking stick
- Lightweight binoculars
- Small waterproof daypack
- River sandals such as Tevas®

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

TIPPING GUIDELINES BRAZIL

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey:

	All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions	Tailor Made Journeys
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Cruise vessels	Included	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities accepted on board the boat and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	Included	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added	10-15% unless already added

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.